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Upcoming Events

Valmiki Ramayan Discourse Series with Swami Ishwarananda	Mar 3-7	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Sadhana Day: Power of Forgiveness	Mar 8	8:30 am - 10:30 am
Holi Picnic	Mar 16	10:30 am - 5:00 pm
Alta Laguna Park Hike with Swami Ishwarananda	Mar 29	6:15 am - 9:15 am
Kalanjali—Vocal Music by Prasad Upasani	Mar 29	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Nav-din Parayan of Tulsi Ramayan with Swami Ishwarananda	Mar 31 - Apr 8	9:30 am - 9:00 pm

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Thus Spake The Master

If obstacles are not placed before a seeker he will not grow into the stalwart stature of the Perfect. Sorrows polish off the Vasanas, and tears are the Brasso of the mind. Tears alone can really wipe out the sensual tendencies. And then alone the divine destiny of the perfect be rewritten on the parchment of the heart. In all adversities there is always in its depth, a treasure of spiritual blessings secretly hidden.

- Swami Chinmayananda

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THINK!

*Language is never just confined
By sounds and words that are uttered
It's sensing through and beyond senses,
Like -*

*Child relishes mother's mere presence...
Lower knows smile of the beloved
Devotee adores the sight of the Lord
Poet feels elegance of the nature
Servant discerns the gestures of his Master
Singer is enthused by taps of the audience
Disciple realizes by gist of Guru's silence
Deep within is the awakened witness
That sees without eyes, hears without ears
Feels without mind, knows without words
It is heart of the Lord!*

- Swami Ishwarananda

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Grand, Devotional Mahashivaratri Celebrations at Rameshwaram



Mahashivaratri was celebrated at Chinmaya Rameshwaram on Feb. 28, with joy and devotion. As part of Shivaratri, Sahasranama Archana was performed by parents and teachers of balavihar in three sessions on February 22 and 23. Over 250 devotees participated.



On Shivaratri day, the main puja in the morning was conducted by Pandit Shivaramakrishnan. Along with ritviks, the Ekadasa Rudra Japa was conducted while Acharya Mahadevanji performed the Rudra Abhisheka. The Rudra Homa concluded the morning activities.



In the evening, cultural activities included Bharatanatyam dance Offering by Shradha, a student of Ramya Harishankar, bhajans by the children of the junior and senior groups of Chinmaya Shruthi and a dance offering 'Shivanjali' was made by students of Viji Prakash's Shakti School of Dance.



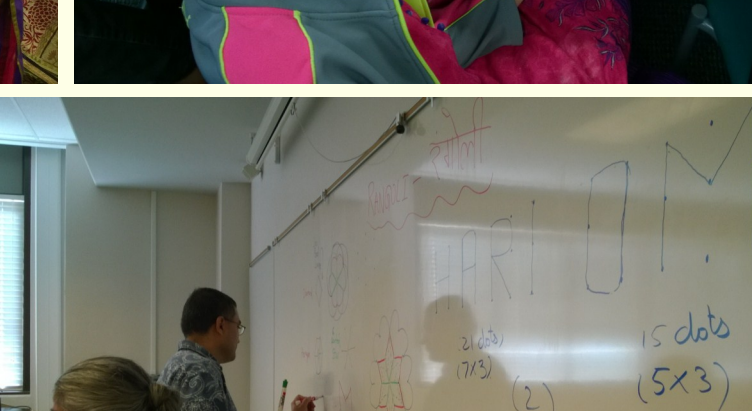
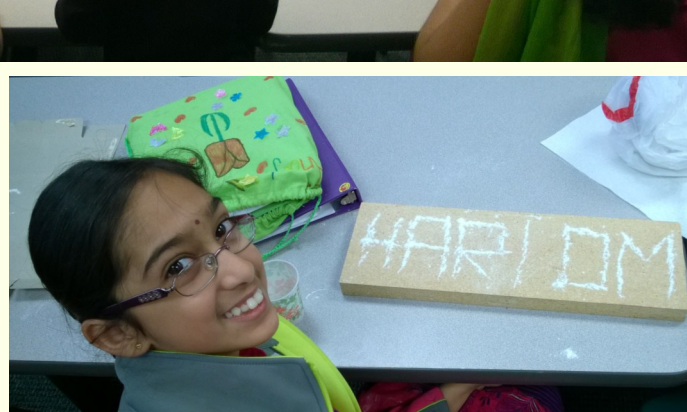
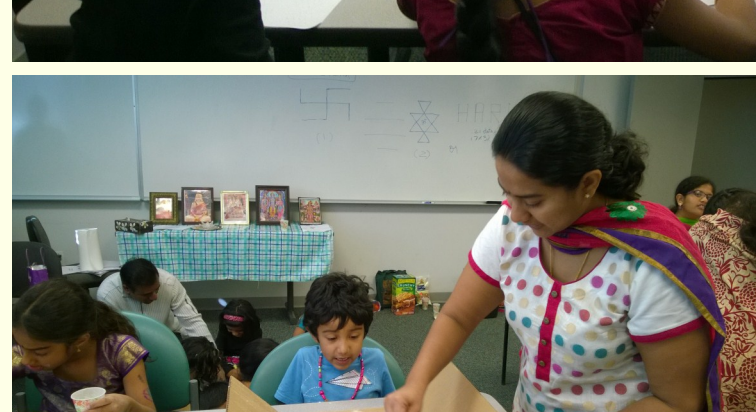
Inspite of inclement weather, many devotees took the opportunity to perform abhisheka to Lord Shiva. Devotees, including little children, stood in line to offer milk. The evening Rudra Abhisheka was done to the accompaniment of Vedic chanting by Swami Ishwarananda and volunteers.

Music offering by members of Swaranjali followed by the final Mahamangala Arati at midnight completed the celebrations.

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Kids Delight In Rangoli Workshop

Redlands balavihar held a Rangoli Workshop on February 16. It was with excitement that the kids participated in viewing and then trying their hand with the color powders. Teachers guided them by showing them typical patterns that are used in Hindu homes. And of course, kids enjoyed visually recreating their everyday greeting 'Hari Om!' with the rangoli powders!



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